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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT STABILITY AND THE TRIO ASSETS ISSUE

REF: A. BANGKOK 12489

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1. THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE EVENING OF AUGUST 1 THAT PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK HAD INVOKED HIS ARTICLE 17 POWERS TO CONFISCATE THE ASSETS OF THE THREE OUSTED LEADERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHICH HE FROZE 30 OCTOBER 1973. THE GOVERNMENT PLACED THE ASSETS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ESTABLISHED A SEVEN-MAN COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER ANY APPEALS FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNERS AS TO WHICH PROPERTY WAS LEGALLY OBTAINED AND WHICH NOT. SANYA APPOINTED MINISTER OF INTERIOR LUANG ATTHASIT SITTHISUNTHON AS CHAIRMAN. MINISTER OF FINANCE, SOMMAI HUNTRAKUN; MINISTER OF JUSTICE, KITTI SIHANON; DIRECTOR, LEGAL OFFICE, BANK OF THAILAND, CHITTI TINGSAPHAT; FORMER  
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MINISTER OF FINANCE BUNMA WONGSAWAN; FORMER CHIEF JUDGE

OF THE SUPREME COURT (1960-61), LUANG SALANAI PRASAN,  
AND MANI CHUTTIWONG ARE ALSO ON THE COMMITTEE (REF B).  
ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THE FINANCE  
MINISTER WILL COLLECT TAXES ON ANY PROPERTY DECLARED  
LEGALLY OBTAINED AND RETURN WHAT IS LEFT OF THE LEGALLY  
ACQUIRED ASSETS TO THE FAMILITES. ALL OTHER PROPERTIES WILL  
GO INTO THE PUBLIC COFFERS (REF C).

2. AT ITS 2 AUGUST MORNING SITTING THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE  
ASSEMBLY PASSED A RESOLUTION 137-45 IN SUPPORT OF A MOTION  
FROM KASEM CHATHIKAWANIT, DIRECTOR OF THE ELECTRICITY  
GENERATING AUTHORITY OF THAILAND, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE  
EXTRAPARLIAMENTARY "GROUP OF 99" CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT  
TO CEASE FURTHER PROCESSING OF THE ASSEMBLY'S JULY 18  
CONFISCATION BILL.

3. COMMENT: THE SANYA GOVERNMENT HAS THUS FINALLY  
CONFISCATED THE ASSETS OF THE OUSTED TRIO. THE BURDEN  
OF PROOF IS NOW ON THE FAMILIES TO SEPARATE THE LEGAL  
FROM ILLEGALLY OBTAINED PROPERTIES.  
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